

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-2, 5-6 and 9-13 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-2, 5-6 and 9 are amended, claims 3-4 and 7-8 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 10-13 are added. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

A. The Office Action rejects claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,550,011 to Sims, III (hereafter "Sims"), U.S. Patent No. 6,398,245 to Gruse et al. (hereafter "Gruse") and U.S. Patent No. 6,367,019 to Ansell et al. (hereafter "Ansell"). Since the references, individually or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest features recited in the claims, the rejection is respectfully traversed.

As required under §103, Applicants respectfully submit that Sims, Gruse and Ansell, individually or in combination, would not result in at least features of a copy protection method for digital media including encrypting an original media data set, wherein said original media data set includes an owner watermark containing an owner identification and owner copy-control information for the media data set, adding a player watermark to said decrypted media data set, wherein said player copy-control information is derived from said owner copy-control information and combinations thereof as recited in claim 1. For example, Sims does not teach or

suggest the owner watermark including an owner identification and owner copy-control information. In contrast, Sims merely appears to disclose control use information, not owner identification (see col. 15, lines 4-16 and column 11, line 38 of Sims). Also, Applicants respectfully submits that the paragraph in col. 21, lines 14-20 of Sims is not related to "owner watermark".

Applicants respectfully submits that Gruse does not teach or suggest at least features of adding a player watermark to said decrypted media data set, wherein said player copy-control information is derived from said owner copy-control information and combinations thereof as recited in claim 1 and lacking from Sims. In contrast, Applicants respectfully submits that Gruse appears to disclose use of copyright watermarks and a end-user purchaser or device, not player copy-control information, and in particular, not player copy-control information is derived from said owner copy-control information and combinations thereof.

Applicants respectfully submits that Ansell does not teach or suggest at least features of encrypting an original media data set, delivering and adding and combinations thereof as recited in claim 1 and lacking from Sims and Gruse. Further, Applicants respectfully submits that Sims, Gruse and Ansell do not teach or suggest any modification to their disclosure that would result in at least features of encrypting

an original media data set, delivering and adding and combinations thereof as recited in claim 1.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 defines patentable subject matter. Claim 5 defines patentable subject matter for at least reasons similar to claim 1. Dependent claims 2, 6 and 9 are allowable for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claims 1 and 5, from which they depend, as well as for their additionally recited features. Claims 3-4 and 7-8 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103 is respectfully requested.

B. Claims 10-13 are newly added by this amendment and are believed to be in condition for allowance.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

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If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **Carl R. Wesolowski**, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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